AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-8 (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) A method, within a telephone, for controlling the telephone having a first connection to a packet switched network and a second connection to a circuit-switched telephone network, the method comprising

storing multiple identifications for an entity, selectable by a user of the telephone, that can be called from the telephone,

storing telephone numbers associated with the entity,

receiving, from the packet switched network, presence indicators associated with at least some of the telephone numbers,

storing the presence indicators in association with corresponding telephone numbers, and

responsive to a selection of an entity by a user, selecting a number for dialing based on the state of the presence indicators associated with the selected entity, wherein

the first connection is separate from the second connection.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9 further comprising selectively placing calls over the circuit-switched telephone network or over the packet-switched network.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the telephone comprises

a base station having connections to the circuit-switched network and to the packet-switched network and a mobile device that communicates with the base station using wireless protocols.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11 wherein the step of storing telephone numbers further comprises

storing at the base station the identifications of the entity, the telephone numbers associated with the entity and the presence indicators, and

storing at the mobile device the names of the entities, and

the method further comprises transmitting a name of the selected entity to the base station.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12 further wherein the step of placing calls further comprises routing a call to the circuit-switched network or to the packet-switched network according to a user preference associated with the selected number.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9 further comprising storing user routing preferences based on time-of-day.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9 further comprising storing user routing preferences based on an area code of the selected number.

16. (Original) The method of any claim 9 through 15 further comprising the steps of determining if additional numbers are stored for the called entity responsive to an unanswered telephone call and re-trying a call to such an additional telephone number.

Claims 17-35 (Cancelled)

36. (New) A telephone comprising:

a first connection to a packet switched network;

a second connection to a circuit-switch telephone network, the first connection separate from the second connection;

a first storage device configured to store multiple identifications for an entity, selectable by a user of the telephone, that can be called from the telephone,

a second storage device configured to store telephone numbers associated with the entity,

a receiver, connected to the first connection, for receiving, from the packet switched network, presence indicators associated with at least some of the telephone numbers,

a third storage device configured to store the presence indicators in association with corresponding telephone numbers, and

a processor, responsive to a selection of an entity by a user, for selecting a number for dialing based on the state of the presence indicators associated with the selected entity.

37. (New) The telephone of claim 36, further comprising

a dialer for selectively placing calls over the circuit-switched telephone network or over the packet-switched network.

38. (New) The telephone of claim 36, further comprising

a base station having the first connection and the second connection, and

a mobile device that communicates with the base station using wireless protocols.

39. (New) A computer-readable tangible medium embodying computer-readable program code for controlling a telephone having a first connection to a packet switched network and a second connection to a circuit-switched telephone network, the computer-readable program code, when executed by the telephone, causes the telephone to perform the following steps:

storing multiple identifications for an entity, selectable by a user of the telephone, that can be called from the telephone,

storing telephone numbers associated with the entity,

receiving, from the packet switched network, presence indicators associated with at least some of the telephone numbers,

storing the presence indicators in association with corresponding telephone numbers, and

responsive to a selection of an entity by a user, selecting a number for dialing based on the state of the presence indicators associated with the selected entity, wherein

the first connection is separate from the second connection.

40. (New) The computer-readable tangible medium of claim 39 further comprising selectively placing calls over the circuit-switched telephone network or over the packet-switched network.

41. (New) The computer-readable tangible medium of claim 40 wherein the telephone comprises

a base station having connections to the circuit-switched network and to the packet-switched network and a mobile device that communicates with the base station using wireless protocols.

42. (New) The computer-readable tangible medium of claim 41 wherein the step of storing telephone numbers further comprises

storing at the base station the identifications of the entity, the telephone numbers associated with the entity and the presence indicators, and

storing at the mobile device the names of the entities, and

the method further comprises transmitting a name of the selected entity to the base station.

43. (New) The computer-readable tangible medium of claim 42 further wherein the step of placing calls further comprises routing a call to the circuit-switched network or to the packet-switched network according to a user preference associated with the selected number.

44. (New) The computer-readable tangible medium of claim 39 further comprising storing user routing preferences based on time-of-day.

45. (New) The computer-readable tangible medium of claim 39 further comprising storing user routing preferences based on an area code of the selected number.